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**NOTICE**

**TO:** All Education Providers

**DATE:** November 3, 2008

**SUBJECT:** New Continuing Education Requirements for Independent Insurance Adjusters and Public Insurance Adjusters

On January 1, 2009 changes to both the independent and public insurance adjuster licensing laws will take effect as a result of the passage of Assembly Bill 2044 (Duvall, Chapter 300, Statutes of 2008). There were several changes resulting from this bill, including the addition of a continuing education (CE) requirement for both independent and public insurance adjusters. There are approximately 1,500 independent insurance adjusters and 300 public insurance adjusters currently licensed in California. Listed below are the changes to the independent and public insurance adjuster laws resulting from this new law.

Section 14090.1 of the California Insurance Code (CIC) was amended to establish a CE requirement of 24 hours during the two-year license term for California resident independent insurance adjusters. Similarly, Section 15059.1 of the CIC was amended to establish a CE requirement of 24 hours during the two-year license term for California resident public insurance adjusters. Both independent and public insurance adjuster licenses expire every two years on May 31<sup>st</sup> of even years (e.g. 2008).

The California Department of Insurance's Web site, [www.insurance.ca.gov](http://www.insurance.ca.gov), currently shows both the Independent Insurance Adjuster and the Public Insurance Adjuster Course Guidelines available for your review. Please log onto CDI's Web site, click on "Agents and Brokers," then click "Apply to Become an Approved Education Provider," and finally, click "Resident - Provider Continuing Education Courses, Outlines and Materials." The course guidelines for both of these licenses are available on that page.

In addition, on November 1, 2008, the Prelicensing/Continuing Education Program Course Approval Application (Form 446-3), will be amended to include both the independent insurance adjuster and the public insurance adjuster course category codes (i.e. AJ, PJ, and AP for both category codes).

If you have an existing approved course (e.g. personal lines, homeowners insurance, ethics) that would also qualify as an adjuster course, please resubmit a new course application, the appropriate fees, and responses to the questions from the attached guidelines. In addition, please let us know that you are not replacing the approved course but that you are requesting a new course number for the appropriate adjuster course category.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this notice, you may contact the Education Section at (916) 492-3064.